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MANY DROWNED

Report That Forty-Nine Children Drown Through Ice at West Chester, Ia.

CONFIRMATION IS LACKING

All Efforts to Get Details of the Story Last Night Were Failures.

DES MOINES BELIEVES IT

Latest Report From Burlington Gives a Denial of the Story.

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BOYS' DEATH REPORT

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A DENIAL

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CAN'T CONFIRM IT

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 27.—Hawkeye newspaper and telegraphing every effort to get a confirmation of the story. It is probably not true.

RUSSIANS SUFFERING

Starvation in North Dakota Reported to Be

Des Moines, N. D., Dec. 27.—The suffering of the Russian settlers in North Dakota is great. Ella R. Robinson, a distributing officer of the Red Cross at Ansonia, N. D., says that thirty-three families depending on the government for food are actually starving. She says she has seen some of the children who are so emaciated that they cannot stand on their feet.

Kentucky Social Life

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 27.—Frank Davis, a well-known social leader, was killed today at a dance at West Hill, 15 miles from here and a fatal heart ailment. Fifty shots were fired, but Davis was killed by a bullet in the chest.

Tortured and Robbed

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 27.—Abraham Brown and wife, both over 80 years of age, were tortured and robbed at the residence of a neighbor.

Both Discharged

Des Moines, Dec. 27.—A special to the Des Moines Register from Des Moines, Colo., says that the jury in the case of the murder of O. A. Barber, for the purpose of securing the evidence on his life, were today discharged at a preliminary hearing.

RUMOR OF SURRENDER

Boers Still Dodging—Several Small Engagements—The Army Reform.

London, Dec. 27.—The war office has begun the promised reform of the army in a sensational manner and demanded the resignation of Major General Sir Henry Colville, commanding an infantry brigade at Gibraltar and recently commanding the ninth division of the South Africa field force. Gen. Colville refuses to resign. He is now on his way to England.

KEEP THE BOERS MOVING

London, Dec. 27.—The following from General Kitchener was received from Pretoria, under today's date:

"Yesterday 200 Boers attacked a small police post near Boksburg. The police gallantly drove them off before reinforcements arrived from Johannesburg. The Boers have damaged mining machinery in that neighborhood. The Boers attacked Utrecht at 2 this morning, but were driven off. The Boers have been driven from Cape Colony was headed yesterday and driven in the direction of Ventersburg. The western force is still being driven north through Stellenbosch."

AFTER DEWITT

London, Dec. 27.—The following has been received from Gen. Kitchener:

"Historic, Dec. 26.—Gen. Keox with Baker, Wheeler and White, engaged with Dewitt's force, is holding the position. In the neighborhood of Loupville, Dewitt hopes to break through and go south again. The Boers' eastern column in Cape Colony is apparently headed by our troops about Maitland Spruit. The Boers' western column is reported to have gone north in two portions, one towards Prieska and the other through St. Jansburg. They are being followed up."

BOERS ACTIVE

Cape Town, Dec. 27.—A small party of Boers attacked Bergrivier on the 24th. They were repulsed after heavy fighting. The Boers were active and skirmishes are numerous.

SURRENDER RUMORED

Bloemfontein, Dec. 26.—There are rumors about unconfirmed rumors here that Generals DeWitt and Hensbrough and President Kruger have had a conference, and decided to offer to surrender provided the colonial rebels are not punished and the leaders, included themselves, are not deported.

LANOERS FAILED

Burgersdorp, Dec. 27.—Col. Grenfell continues in touch with Kruger's command of 700 who are carrying off British prisoners. Kruger's army has abandoned its maxims and carts. The attempt of the Ninth Infantry to turn Kruger's flank at Bloemfontein resulted in eight casualties among Lanoers, including Lord Frederick Blackwood wounded.

TEACHERS' FEDERATION

Various Branches Elect Officers at the Detroit Meeting.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 27.—The National Commercial Teachers' Federation tonight elected the following officers:

President—George P. Lord, of Salem, Mass.

Vice President—D. W. Springer, of Ann Arbor.

Treasurer—J. A. Lyons, of Chicago.

The officers of the Federated Associations comprising the National Association were also elected as follows:

National College Teachers' Association—President, L. L. Williams, of Rochester, N. Y.; vice president, Charles M. Miller, of New York; secretary-treasurer, E. H. Brich, of St. Louis.

National Teachers' Association—President, J. A. Miner, Louisville, Ky.; vice president, W. S. Fry, of Chicago, Ill.; secretary, W. S. Osborn, of Detroit.

Shortland Teachers' Association—President, J. Clifford Kennedy, of Des Moines, Ia.; vice president, E. J. Griffin, of Springfield, Mass.; secretary, L. A. Arnold, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Peannish Teachers' Association—President, O. P. Ziner, of Columbus; vice president, Harry Huston, of New Haven; secretary, J. E. Fish, of Chicago.

St. Louis was decided upon for the next meeting.

To Attack Boxers

Tien Tsin, Dec. 26.—A force of 1100 British troops with two guns and a machine gun, has gone to Tien Tsin to attack the Boxers in that vicinity and protect the railroad.

Steamship Arrivals

New York, Dec. 27.—Telegrams from Liverpool.

CROP STATISTICS

The Average Yield Per Acre of Wheat Was 12.29 Bushels.

INVESTIGATE IN NEBRASKA

Winter Wheat Acreage Makes Big Gains on the Spring Wheat.

CORN CROP OF 1900 IMMENSE

One of the Four Largest Ever Gathered—Yields of Other Grains.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The statisticians of the department of agriculture estimates the United States wheat crop of 1900 at 322,329,605 bushels, the area actually harvested being 43,495,885 acres, and the average yield per acre being 12.29 bushels. The production of winter wheat is estimated at 300,025,408 bushels, and that of spring wheat at 172,204,038 bushels, acres actually harvested being 28,236,897 acres in the former case and 16,259,488 acres in the latter. The winter wheat acreage totally abandoned in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, finally is placed at 3,622,787 acres; and the spring wheat acreage totally abandoned in North Dakota and South Dakota at 1,799,467 acres. The extraordinary rate at which the winter wheat acreage of Nebraska is gaining upon the spring wheat acreage of that state has necessitated a special investigation of the relative extent to which the two varieties were grown during the past year. The result of the investigation is that while no change is called for in total wheat figures of the state 590,575 acres have been added to the winter wheat column at the expense of the spring variety.

The newly needed acre of winter wheat is estimated at 30,285,564 acres. While this acreage is slightly greater than that sown in the fall of 1899, as estimated at the time, it is 600,954 acres less than the area that was actually sown, the discrepancy being due to that remarkable rapid development of winter wheat growing in Nebraska with which, as above stated, the department's reports had failed to keep pace. A comparison of the newly seeded acreage with that of the fall of 1899 shows that of eleven states and territories that sowed a million acres or upward with winter wheat a year ago, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kansas, California and Oklahoma report an increase amounting to 971,701 acres, and Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Texas and Tennessee a decrease of 1,760,161 acres. The average condition of the growing crop Dec. 1, was 97.1 per cent of normal. There are many complaints of the Russian By, but the low condition figures reported from Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee, 85, 80, 87, 84 respectively are fully offset by the exceptionally high condition reported from Kansas, Missouri, California, Oklahoma and other states, to all of which it is above normal.

The production of corn in 1900 is estimated at 2,101,102,515 bushels; oats, 809,125,988 bushels; barley, 58,925,835; rye, 23,005,927 bushels; buckwheat, 9,568,968 bushels; potatoes, 210,926,897 bushels; hay, 60,110,000 tons. The area from which these crops were gathered was as follows, in acres:

Corn—84,320,874.
Oats—27,364,795.
Barley—3,894,282.
Rye—1,591,325.
Buckwheat—687,030.
Potatoes—3,611,064.
Hay—9,123,870.

The crop area of 1900 was one of the four largest ever gathered, while the oat crop has only once been exceeded. On the other hand the barley and rye crops were the smallest, with one exception in each case, since 1887, and the buckwheat crop the smallest since 1883, and the hay crop the smallest without exception, since 1888.

GERMANY NOW WILLING

To Assist in the Development of South Africa.

Cape Town, Dec. 27.—A strong international syndicate has been formed for the development of the mineral resources of Damaland. The bulk of the capital which is British, will be held jointly in London, Paris, Berlin and New York. The German government which was formerly extremely discouraging toward the efforts of foreign capitalists to develop the country, is now offering every facility. The scheme includes colonization, mining, irrigation and the construction of a railway from Swakopmund to Etjimbingwe.

Italian Assassins

Bolton, Vermont, Dec. 27.—Chief of Police Brown lists a critical condition of small boys for his recovery on account of three bullet wounds inflicted by Italian anarchists early today. The chief was called to a ball in which the anarchists were building ball, to quell a row. The chief was shot from ambush on his way back to the station. Two Italians have been arrested, and identified by the chief as being connected with the attempted assassination.

Boers Celebrate

They Make an Attack.

New Castle, Natal, Dec. 27.—The Boers celebrated Christmas in the district between Standerton and Ingogo by a more or less terrorized attack upon several British garrisons along the lines of communication. These, however, were in all cases successfully repulsed.

At Utrecht the Boer commandant sent in a demand for whisky, cigars and Christmas luxuries, failing in which he threatened to attack the town. His demand was ignored and the Boers attacked Utrecht in force Christmas morning. They were repulsed with loss. The British casualties were but slight.

FAVORS GOVERNMENT

Progress of the War in Colombia—Rebels Retreating.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The United States charge, Bogotá, has cabled the state department that he has been informed by the Colombian government that the invading troops were overtaken by the government forces at Renshaw, and that their leader, General Uribe, was defeated at Corozal in the province of Buller. He is retreating with a few remaining followers through the department of Magdalena toward the Venezuelan line. The war is said to be progressing favorably for the Colombian government.

Martial Law

Cape Town, Dec. 27.—Martial law has been proclaimed in the districts of Beaufort West and Oorlogsvlei.

THE BOOSE INQUIRY

Brother of the Dead Cadet Tells His Story.

West Point, Dec. 27.—There was an unusually large attendance of spectators at the military court of inquiry today. Horace U. Boose, civil engineer, of Buffalo, and P. O. Phillips of East Cleveland, who was heralded as the congressman, but told the press representatives that he was never elected to congress, were the chief witnesses. The former's testimony was principally a refutation of the statements made about his brother, former Cadet Oscar L. Boose, of Bristol, Pa., who died recently. Several of the cadet witnesses during the progress of the investigation accused Boose of having shown cowardice in his fight with Cadet Keller in August, 1898. They also accused him of untruthfulness.

Lieutenant Cox, instructor of mathematics in his testimony last week stated that Boose was not possessed of sufficient mental capacity to pass the necessary examinations at this academy. His brother stated today this was not so, so the manner in which the former cadet had passed the examinations at the preparatory school at Hackettstown, Pa., was sufficient to prove that Oscar possessed sufficient intellect. He said Oscar was not untruthful, but was anything but a coward. Phillips' principal reason for appearing before the court was to show that he had not visited the academy in 1898 for the purpose of saving his son from being based. He stayed here for about ten or eleven days in August of that year, and shortly after the fight between Boose and Keller had taken place. Mr. and Mrs. Boose stayed at the same hotel with him, but neither one of them complained of their son's treatment. He said in his opinion, Boose was not of the kind of material out of which good army officers could be made.

One of the witnesses at the morgue session informed the court that he had seen Oscar Boose so far exhausted from exertion exerting that stimulants had to be given him to his test in 1897.

In the afternoon two other cadets of Boose's class said they had seen him in a nervous condition, his body, arms and legs twitching after he had been hazed but one of them said he believed Boose was pretending prostration.

There still remain thirteen cadets of the first class to be examined. They have all been away on Christmas holidays and will be back tomorrow. Some present fourth class men also will be examined and T. J. Smith of Oorlandville, Ill., a former cadet, is expected to be on duty tomorrow to tell what he knows of the hazing practiced at the academy. It is possible the court will get through here by Saturday.

PIRATES RETIRED

Make an Attack on British Possessions—Case of Cannibalism.

Victoria, Dec. 27.—The steamer Mowera brings advice of a raid on British possessions by a Tugeri tribe from Dutch New Guinea. A squad of police met the pirates from Tugeri at the mouth of the Moroband river. A fight on the water ensued, the police capturing and slaying six junks. No prisoners were taken but it is estimated that 40 were shot or drowned. There were no casualties among the government forces. Afterward the Tugeri made another raid on Moroband villages, killing 116 persons. Six months ago the tribe concluded terms of peace with the British.

The Mowera brings news of the wrecking of the Lodere, December 1, off New Caledonia. The crew of 19 persons escaped. The Mowera also brings advice from Queensland that a prospector named P. Killane had been killed, and, according to the belief of the ship's people, eaten by the natives.

A report was brought of the discovery of gold in Emania, near Apia, and that Montana is becoming restless and on December 3 called a meeting of the native chiefs.

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AMERICAN NATURALISTS

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—In a graceful and full address tonight President Daniel C. Gilman, of Johns Hopkins university, welcomed to the city the members of the American society of naturalists and the American society of ornithologists. There was a large attendance of scientists who have assembled from all quarters to discuss the tendencies and developments of science in all its varied and manifold departments. Immediately following the welcome, a public reception was tendered the visitors in McCoy hall.

BECOMES A BANKRUPT

New York, Dec. 27.—E. A. Seymour, of this city, filed a petition in bankruptcy today, individually, and as a member of the former brokerage firm of Seymour, Johnson & Co., with liabilities of \$688,630 and assets of \$750,694. The firm made an assignment of its property for other members to a new cause why they should not be adjudged bankrupts.

Lieut. Slack Dead

Washington, Dec. 27.—A cablegram from Gen. MacArthur at Manila today, announces the death from dysentery on Christmas of First Lieutenant Walter T. Slack, of the 4th volunteer infantry. Lieut. Slack was native of Kentucky.

HE'S EVERYWHERE

Pat Crowe Engaging Attention of Officers Throughout Country.

ADESPATCH FROM CHICAGO

Says He Has Been Parading the Streets in Female Attire.

REPORTED FROM NEW YORK

That He Is Now Enroute to Europe—Alleged to Be in Jail at Laramie.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Disguised as a woman, Pat Crowe, who has been sought by the police all over the United States on the charge that he was the kidnapper of Eddie Cudahy, has been seen in Chicago within the last few days and may still be hiding here, according to a statement made tonight by Detective Sergeant James Starna of the Chicago police office who arrested Crowe a number of times in the past. A search of several houses in Sixty-Third street, near Stewart avenue, has been made by Starna, during which the sergeant stumbled upon evidence which he says convinced him that Crowe had been in Chicago recently, and that in the guise of a woman, clothed in a black robe, and heavily veiled, the suspect went abroad with impunity in the streets of Englewood, a suburb where he once was a resident, and is well known to many people.

Starna claims to have traced Crowe to a room where he was masquerading as a young widow in mourning, but that Crowe received warning from friends that police were on his trail, and he escaped before the capture could be effected.

IN JAIL AT LARAMIE

Denver, Dec. 27.—Detective Deloe, of this city, who has been doing criminal hunting in Denver for a number of years, says he is positive Pat Crowe is in jail at Laramie, awaiting trial on the charge of attempting to steal a tray of diamonds from a jewelry store. He knows Crowe well and declares the description tallies exactly with that of Crowe.

IS NOT CROWE

Muncie, Ind., Dec. 27.—Detectives who, in response to a telephone message last night, went to a point near Shelby, eight miles from Muncie, to arrest a man supposed to be Pat Crowe, wanted in connection with the Cudahy kidnapping case, returned today and reported that the man suspected is not Crowe.

ENROUTE TO EUROPE

Boston, Dec. 27.—The Boston police have evidence to indicate that Pat Crowe and the other men wanted on the charge of kidnapping young Cudahy, are on the Warren Lister, Michigan, bound for Liverpool, and a cable containing that information has been sent to Scotland Yard detectives, who will be on the Liverpool docks when the steamer arrives.

Deaths of the Day

New York, Dec. 27.—Thomas Solter, father of Congressman William Solter, died today at his home in Elizabeth, N. J., 68 years of age.

London, Dec. 27.—Lord William George Armstrong, inventor of the Armstrong gun, died this morning.

New York, Dec. 27.—Thomas Williams, ex-member of the board of governors of the stock exchange, born at Pine Ridge, Minn., is dead.

T. H. Williams was interested in the Interstate Oil company which is said to control 150,000 acres of oil properties in Wyoming. He came to New York in 1871, and joined the stock exchange in 1872. He was for several years governor of the exchange. He was a director in the Kansas City & Omaha railway, the New York Quotation Co., and the Higley Savings and Drilling Co.

WAITING FOR MANNING

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27.—No definite organization was accomplished today by the baseball men who came to Chicago to promote the American League No. 2. The standard of salaries, by law and general flow of final organization were discussed, but a telegram from Manning, of Kansas City, saying he would be here tomorrow, caused the managers to postpone final action until his arrival.

KILLED WIFE AND SELF

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27.—John W. Tinsley shot and killed his wife, Ann, on the street today and then fired a bullet into his own head, dying instantly. Mr. Tinsley had filed a suit against her husband for \$1100 alleged to have been fraudulently obtained from her. It appeared this led to the tragedy.

MUST BE ORIGINAL

Dr. Rhodes Exalts Out Necessary Things to Make History Popular.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 27.—"A historian to make a mark must show some originality somewhere," said Dr. James T. Rhodes in an address tonight on "The Writing of History," before the first annual session of the American Economic Association in Central Methodist church. "It may be in his hitherto inaccessible or unprinted materials," continued Dr. Rhodes, who filled a place on the program left vacant by the illness of Dr. Eggleston, "or it may be the employment of some source of information open to all but not used before, or it may even be a fresh combination of well known, well elaborated facts." Dr. Rhodes then warned all historians against hasty and imperfect generalization, saying the historian is a sort of a trustee and as such is bound to produce nothing that he cannot vouch for. After 850 members of both societies gathered in the church had been formally welcomed to the city by Mayor Maybury, President Richard T. Nye, of the American Economic Association, who presided over the meeting, read a paper on "Compensation: Its Nature, Its Permanence, Its Resemblance."

At the close of the joint session the two societies adjourned to the University club rooms and were tendered a supper by the local arrangements committee. Tomorrow both the societies will leave for Ann Arbor, where the two joint sessions will be held with President Agell, of the University of Michigan in the chair.

A QUEER STORY

Told by Smythe Who Is Perhaps Fatally Injured.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.—William H. Smythe, grand secretary of the Masonic order of Indiana, was shot and probably fatally wounded today while he was in his office in the Masonic Temple. The story told by Smythe, who retained consciousness for several minutes after the shooting, is that a blonde woman entered the office and asked to be allowed to use the telephone. As he was busy he told her that he could not be bothered at the time. Without further words, he declared, the woman pulled a revolver from some where about her clothes and fired at him. The police reached the scene only a few minutes after the tragedy was enacted, but found no trace of the mysterious woman. Three bullets were removed from the wounded man's head.

CASUALTIES

Fatal Runaway—Three Persons Burned to Death.

Flint, Mich., Dec. 27.—In a runaway accident today Dr. George W. Howland was killed and G. B. Quigley, a prominent businessman, was fatally injured. The men were driving home to dinner when their horse took fright, and ran away, overturning the buggy.

THREE PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH

Brooklyn, Pa., Dec. 27.—The residence of Mrs. Parriger was destroyed by fire today and her mother and two daughters, aged 5 and 7, were burned to death.

PHILIPPINE BILL

Commissioner Sends Bill to America for Approval.

Manila, Dec. 27.—The Philippine commission has completed the tariff bill and mailed it to Washington for approval. The decision of the commission will be made public Monday.

The first question dealt with by the commission affecting the issue between the church and the United States government is whether the control of San Jose Medical College is vested in the government or in the church. If the commission decides that the control is vested in the government, litigation is considered probable.

FEMALE PRISONERS RIOT

City Prisoners at Brooklyn Attack the Matrons.

New York, Dec. 27.—Twenty maddened female prisoners in the Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, rioted today, fiercely assailed Matron Pauline Hasty and Warren McGrath, both of whom were badly beaten before being rescued by several deputy sheriffs. There was no attempt to escape. The riot was the consequence of nothing but feeling on the part of the inmates, two of the leaders being placed in straight jackets.

MURDER SUSPECTED

New York, Dec. 27.—Dr. Ulysses Higgins Brown, an assistant of Syracuse, N. Y., was found dead today in an area way in Forty-fifth street. The police think it is possibly a case of murder and robbery.

WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, Dec. 27.—The signal service predicts for Illinois to be followed by cold Friday, with snow in the northern and rain, turning into snow in southern portion. Saturday very fresh northerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

The signal service predicts for the local section, ending at 10 a.m. on Friday, a cold day, with snow in the northern and rain, turning into snow in southern portion. Saturday very fresh northerly winds.

CRANK CRUSADER

Mrs. Nation, Who Wrecks Saloons Unaided Is Now in Jail.

IS METHOD IN HER MADNESS

Hopes to Attract Attention to Open Violation of Kansas Liquor Law.

CALLS ON JEREMIAH SIMPSON

To Help Get Her Out of Trouble After Governor Stanley Declines.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Carrie D. Nation, who with scraps of iron, rocks and willard balls wrecked the Carey hotel here, including a three hundred dollar picture of "Cleopatra at the Bath," today sent two demands to the clerk of the Kansas state, to come to the city jail and take charge of her defense. On Stanley's refusal she telegraphed for Jerry Simpson, her old neighbor at Medicine Lodge. With a detachment Mr. Nation recently smashed all the bar fixtures at Kiowa and Medicine Lodge.

Mrs. Nation was removed to the county jail tonight when she issued a manifesto. "To friends of temperance everywhere," in which she acknowledges there is "method in her apparent madness." "I came to the governor's home town," she continued, "to destroy the finest saloon in it, hoping thus to attract public attention to the flagrant violation of the Kansas law under the very eyes of the chief executive of the state."

The damage to the saloon is hard to estimate. It was finished with stencils secured from the World's Fair buildings, and many blocks of it are shattered. The painting of "Cleopatra" cost Mr. Noble nine months' time painting it.

FLYING COLUMN

Will Scur Country Between Tien Tsin and Yang Tsun.

Peking, Dec. 27.—The British have increased their garrison at Yang Tsun by 100 men, with horses and three guns. A flying column of 100 cavalry will scour the country between Tien Tsin and Yang Tsun, in obedience to Field Marshal von Waldersee's orders to be on the alert, in view of the French report of an engagement with 800 Chinese troops.

Col. Talbot's regiment will remain to destroy towns he recently held. This action is taken owing to the fact that it has been discovered that a number of Boers unquestionably made that their headquarters. The British authorities say the fact they do not expect serious trouble from the Boers, mainly because they lack

WITH THE NEW CENTURY.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1901, *The Semi-Weekly Herald* will be discontinued when the time to which it is paid has expired. This will apply to all and all papers will be stopped at expiration. Many have insisted that this be done and we have decided to comply with their wishes. On January 1, next, if your paper stops don't get excited and assume that we think you are not good pay. That is not the point. Good pay, bad pay or no pay, all papers not paid in advance will be stopped. Remember, that until January 1 a discount of 20 per cent. is made to all who pay what they owe and one year in advance. This applies to new subscribers as well as old. There are a few of our present patrons who have not availed themselves of the opportunity to save one-fifth. If you owe for 4 years you can pay that and get it for another year for \$4.00. You thereby save one year's subscription. This offer expires Dec. 31, 1900. Look at the date on your paper and send draft or money order to

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MANY WEDDINGS

One Being Celebrated in Decatur During the Holiday Season.

BRUNER-MENIFEE NUPTIALS

Completed Wedding Wednesday—Huff ceremony Tuesday Evening—Nicholson-Davis Marriage.

WEDDINGS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Bruner and Miss Menifee were married Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Menifee on East Eldorado.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. C. Spang of the Methodist church, and was witnessed by a large company of friends.

The bride, Miss Menifee, was given away by John Bruner of the same church, and was accompanied by a maid of honor, Miss Menifee.

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Bloomington Red Released From Penitentiary on Good Behavior.

Several days ago an item was published in the Herald to the effect that the man who had robbed the Johnston dry goods store of a quantity of silk had been identified by the police as "Bloomington Red," a notorious crook who was sent up from this city in 1893 on a charge of burglary. The identification was affected by means of a photograph. This was shown to Mr. Johnston and he recognized it as a likeness of the man who called at his store during the day and made inquiries concerning silk. The man of course, was merely getting his bearings so that he would know what to do when the time for him to work came. The thing that bothered the police was how "Red" had got out of the penitentiary. He was sent up for twenty years. Wednesday morning the Associated Press report contained an item to the effect that "Red" had been arrested in Chicago, and in his possession was found a large quantity of silk belonging to a Quinsy firm that had been robbed the night before. Evidently "Red" had just got back home after his night's work, for the silk was found in his home, and at the time he was arrested he was in the act of carving a big turkey for the benefit of a company of friends and relatives who had assembled at his home. The Chicago papers in mentioning the arrest of "Red" had been released from the penitentiary on parole. The officers throughout the state have come to the conclusion that the parole law is a bigger humbug than the sparrow bounty law. It has been the cause of many criminals being turned loose on society to resume operations. The officers here are at a loss to understand how the penitentiary officials could release a notorious crook like "Bloomington Red," no matter what his record in prison might be. He is a notorious and incorrigible criminal and is known to the officers throughout the central part of the state. There is no such thing as reforming him. He is a natural born thief and burglar and his whole life has been devoted to dishonest work. Since his parole from the penitentiary he has robbed stores in a half dozen towns and has confined himself entirely to silk. He has stolen thousands of dollars worth in a few months, during all of which time the penitentiary officials have learned that he had broken his parole and were endeavoring to get him back. The Bloomington Postgraph of Wednesday had this to say of him:

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SCHOOL TEACHER ARRESTED.

Whipped a Pupil and is Charged With Assault and Battery.

On Wednesday Deputy Sheriff Wilson arrested Edwidge Nicholson, a Mason school teacher, on an information charging assault and battery.

The information was issued on complaint of Carl Daggert. He is a pupil in the school, of which Nicholson is the head and charges that he was assaulted by the instructor. The assault charged occurred on December 12. The accused gave bond for his appearance at the time the case is called for trial.

BLAZE AT PANA.

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Section Crew on a Hand Car Met a Fast Passenger Train

TWOMILES EAST OF DECATUR

George Gust Failed to Heed Warning to Get Away From the Car and Was Killed.

George Gust, a section man was struck and killed by a Wabash passenger train about two miles east of Decatur Wednesday morning.

Gust was an aged man, and evidently got rattled. All of the other men got out of danger and Gust might have done the same thing if he had done as he was told to do.

Coroner O. E. Dawson took charge of the remains when they were brought to Decatur and during the afternoon held an inquest.

Martin Gleason, the section foreman testified that he and four members of his section crew were going east and that when within a quarter of a mile of the Sangamon river he thought he saw the smoke of an approaching train. He told the men to stop and get out of the track. About that time he heard the train crossing the bridge. He said that he told George Gust to get away from the car and take care of himself because the other men would get the car off the track. He said that because Gust was old, he said that Joseph Gust a nephew of the deceased, gave the same warning. Gleason said that after that he was too busy getting the car off of the track to notice what was done. When the car was clear of the rails he ran up the embankment out of the way.

Joe Gust, aged 10, a nephew of the deceased said that he told his uncle to look out for himself and let the car alone. Gleason and a section man were at one end of the car and the witness and his uncle were at the other end. When the car was clear of the rails Joe said he tried to get his uncle to get out of the way but he still pushed at the car. The witness said that he went so far as to pull at his uncle's coat.

E. F. Gonsware the engineer on the train said that it was a close call for all of the men. The train was three hours late and was running at the rate of sixty miles an hour, when the engine was first warned by his fireman that some section men were on the track. The bell was ringing at the time and the engineer sounded the whistle. The witness was of the opinion that the deceased might have saved himself if he had given heed to the signals. Gust was not on the track, but was on the end of the tie.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the testimony given above.

George Gust was about 68 years old. He was a native of Germany, but had resided in this country many years. He spoke and understood English imperfectly and largely on that account was the butt of bad boys who were inclined to make sport of him. They called him "Daisy" and in the east end of the city to those persons who often crossed the Wabash tracks the old man was a familiar figure for he had long been employed as a section man and was for a long time a member of the section crew in the yards. His brother Joseph Gust is a foreman on the Wabash section.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning, the services being at St. James' Catholic church at 9 o'clock.

NEARBY TOWNS.

FORSYTH.

Dr. Keston will spend Christmas at Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Marjorie's baby is seriously ill.

E. O. Good entertained his cousin from Kansas last week.

Velasy Barber is spending vacation with his parents.

The sick are: Mrs. H. L. Parkhurst and son; Mrs. E. Van.

Harry Reed will go to housekeeping west of Eureka this week.

Traylor Glover will have a shooting match Thursday.

Dec. 25.

MT. AUBURN.

W. B. Foster transacted business in Decatur Saturday.

Miss Beulah Thornton was visiting in Decatur last week.

Ray C. Beard has returned home after a year's sojourn in Iowa.

The ladies aid society of the Christian church will serve oysters and general supper in the basement of the church Dec. 31.

Mrs. Frank Loring and son, Bain, of Decatur, are the guests of Louis M. Smith and family.

Mrs. Richard Kimball and daughter, Pearl, were visiting in Blue Mound, Mo. Sunday and family were visiting in Decatur Dec. 21.

Miss Nellie Auger was quite ill last week.

OAKLEY.

Ralph Clappish, of Bentonville, Ark., visited friends here Tuesday.

Robert Durham

